GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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USE OF FERTILIZERS BY SMALL FARMERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that due to high cost of fertilizers, most of the small farmers are unable to use adequate fertilizers;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to take any steps to make the fertilizers available at the lower prices to the farmers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) to (d) : With the objective of making fertilizers available at affordable prices to all farmers of the country including small farmers, Government provides subsidy on urea and concession on decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers. While the urea is sold at the maximum retail price(MRP), statutorily notified by the Government, phosphatic and potassic fertilizers are sold at indicative MRPs. The MRPs of Single Super Phosphate (SSP) are indicated by respective State Governments. The prices notified/indicated by the Government have been much lower than the actual cost of production of the fertilizers.